

**In the Specification:**

Please amend a prior amendment to the specification as follows, said prior amendment to the specification in Applicants' office action response mailed 12/19/2005 having amended the paragraph beginning on page 7, line 18:

A hard disc or the like is used as the recording means 20 for recording the MPEG2-PES data 42. As shown in FIG. 1, the apparatus 10 further includes a selecting or switching means 24 for selectively transmitting the compressed audio/video data extracted by the data separating means 14 to the data reproducing means 26. When the MPEG2-PES data 42 recorded in the recording means 20 is read and transmitted to the data reproducing means 26, the selecting or switching means 24 is controlled to connect the reproduction control means 22 to the data reproducing means 26. An output 61 of the data separating means 14 is directly connected to an input 62 of the selecting or switching means 24. An output 63 of the selecting or switching means 24 is directly connected to an input 64 of the data reproducing means 26. The data reproducing means 26 has a video data decoding section 51 and an audio data decoding section 52 for decoding the compressed audio data and the compressed video data, respectively. The means 26 also has a buffer for temporarily holding data. In order to prevent an overflow or underflow in the buffer, the apparatus 10 may further comprise monitoring means 23 monitoring the amount of data transmitted from the reproduction control means 22 to the data reproducing means 26.